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Islamic Council of Europe

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Mr. Thomas Hammarberg,
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Dear Mr. Hammarberg,

You are no doubt aware of the most distressing news of mass arrests, reign of terror and widespread massacre of political opponents of Assad's Regime which has been going on in Syria for quite some time. The brutalities of Assad Regime have now crossed all limits and have assumed unprecidented proportions as can be seen from the enclosed clipping from Yesterday's Daily Telegraph.

Reports emanating from reliable sources in Syria indicate that the Assad Regime has gone berserk and his knife slinging and triger happy gangs of murderers are butchering people indiscriminately and on a massive scale. The situation is indeed so grave that it calls for immediate action if the massacre of thousands more is to be prevented.

Amnesty International has always played a prominent and important role against such events throughout the World and I have no doubt that you will take all such steps as may be necessary as a matter of great urgency. The Islamic Council on its part is also doing the needful. The need is for all civilised countries, media, organisations and peoples etc. to join hands and react with speed and vigour in this most tragic matter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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